REMARKS

Applicants appreciate that the Examiner found our previously filed arguments with respect to rejected claims 3 and 4 persuasive. Applicants also appreciate that the Examiner agreed to withdraw the outstanding prior art rejection against these claims.

The Examiner, however, has introduced a new rejection for claims 1-6 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,747,640 ("the '640 patent"). Applicants file a Terminal Disclaimer herewith to overcome the alleged rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Ali M. Imam Reg. No. 58,755 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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